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Letter dated 31 March 2003 from the Chairman and the incoming Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

On 17 January 2003 the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (the Counter-Terrorism Committee) submitted a work programme for the sixth 90-day period (S/2003/72). Annexed hereto is the Committee's work programme for the seventh 90-day period (see annex).

The Committee will continue to cooperate with States on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), working even-handedly and transparently. It expects each State to achieve marked advances in its overall counter-terrorism capacity as quickly as it can. It will continue to base its dialogue on the reports submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001), and on direct contacts with States, including by the Committee's subcommittees and experts. The Committee will offer guidance to States on raising their capacity in the areas covered by the resolution and, where appropriate, facilitate the provision of relevant assistance programmes. The Committee will develop its role as a catalyst to ensure that all reasonable assistance requests are met.

The Committee will further deepen and strengthen its contacts with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001), building on the outcomes of the special meeting held on 6 March. It will work towards increasing the global information flow, including by further developing a directory of contact points and improving the Committee's web site to encompass all relevant information. It will encourage regional and subregional organizations, as well as international organizations, to develop, consistent with their mandates, their own activities and action plans for 2003/2004.

The Committee welcomes the support it has received so far from Member States, the Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations. It pays tribute to the contribution of its team of independent experts.

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We should be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Chairman as from 5 April 2003
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (1 April-30 June 2003)

1. The present document sets out the work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for its seventh 90-day period, from 1 April to 30 June 2003. This work programme updates that submitted for the sixth 90-day period (S/2003/72, annex).

Summary

2. The Committee will:

(a) By 30 April:

- Send an outcome pack of papers arising from the special meeting held on 6 March to relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and all Permanent Missions
- Improve its directory of contact points, incorporating all new details
- Circulate monthly as appropriate the "matrix of assistance needs"
- Complete the review of 260 reports

(b) By 31 May:

- Complete the review of 300 reports
- Improve its web site, creating sections on international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and on regional action
- Contact every organization involved in monitoring international best practices, codes and standards, with a view to exploring improved coordination and information exchange

(c) By 30 June:

- Complete the review of 350 reports

1. Improving the flow of information

3. The Committee will continue to operate transparently and will take every opportunity to improve further the flow of information on matters concerning the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), with a view to facilitating the development of a global information network on counter-terrorism.

4. The Committee will update and improve its directory of contact points, and publish it at regular intervals. The Committee encourages all States and organizations to ensure that the details in the directory are accurate. The directory will include contact points in all States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations. The directory is accessible on the Committee's web site (www.un.org/sc/ctc).

5. The Committee will further develop its web site as a comprehensive information source on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001). It will maintain and enhance its "Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources

of Assistance". It will create new areas of its web site devoted to other aspects of international cooperation. The Committee encourages all regional and subregional organizations to submit information on their activities and action plans for inclusion in a section on "Regional Action". It encourages all relevant organizations to submit information on international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), as well as guidance and assistance relating to the application of such best practices, codes and standards.

6. The Committee encourages all States and international, regional and subregional organizations to contribute to the development of a global information network by April 2004. They should make information available on their own aims and activities, using the Committee and its web site as a tool for disseminating information, be aware of and where possible benefit from the activities of others, and develop cooperation on counter-terrorism matters.

2. Implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

7. The Committee and its subcommittees will continue to review the reports submitted by States pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001).

8. The Committee had, by 31 March 2003, received 343 reports from States and others. This includes first reports from 187 Member States and 5 others, second reports from 125 Member States and one other, and third reports from 22 Member States. Reports had not yet been submitted by four Member States. A total of 55 Member States and others were late in submitting a second report.

9. The Committee will, as requested by the Security Council in resolution 1456 (2003), report regularly on progress in the area of States' response to the reporting obligation pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001). The action to take forward the matters contained in resolution 1456 (2003) is set out in the Committee's note (S/2003/198). The Committee will, by 4 April, write to the Security Council reporting on the state of play.

10. The Committee urges all States to submit reports on the matters covered by resolut on 1373 (2001) according to the timetable set out by the Committee, and to respond to the comments and questions set out in the Committee's letters as fully as possible. It encourages all States that have not yet submitted a report or are late in submitting a further report, if they would find it helpful, to meet the relevant subcommittee or experts to discuss the issues relating to the submission of reports. Meetings can be arranged through the Committee Secretary (tel: 1 (212) 963-3520 or 1 (212) 457-1886; fax: 1 (212) 963-7878; e-mail: ctc@un.org).

11. The Committee expects every State to further the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) at its fastest capable speed. In its exchanges with each State, the Committee will continue to focus on the issues of priority for the State concerned. It has defined three stages of implementation (A, B and C), as set out in the previous work programmes. It is anticipated that States will tackle the stage A priorities before moving on to stage B and then C (although, as noted in previous work programmes, for some States the Committee may identify additional priorities).

12. The Committee will bear in mind international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) when preparing and finalizing outgoing letters to the States. Where appropriate, States will be invited through the Committee's letters to inform the Committee of the details of

any efforts to implement international best practices, codes and standards, to submit as part of their reporting to the Committee a copy of any relevant reports or questionnaires submitted to other organizations involved in monitoring international best practices, codes and standards, and to inform the Committee of the findings or conclusions reached by such organizations.

13. Assistance and guidance will continue to be a key part of the Committee's contact with States. It will continue to identify for the consideration of States areas in which assistance might be available and of use. A section on assistance and guidance will continue to appear in the Committee's letters to States, and the matter will be raised where appropriate in meetings between the Committee's subcommittees and experts and representatives of the State concerned.

3. Dialogue with international, regional and subregional organizations

14. At the Committee's special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations, held on 6 March, participants agreed that all relevant organizations had a specific role to play in enhancing the effectiveness of global action against terrorism, and recognized the high value of cooperation at the global level.

15. The Committee welcomes the participation in its special meeting on 6 March of some 60 international, regional and subregional organizations. It will send by 4 April to all participants and all Permanent Missions a pack of papers arising from the meeting, including the outcome document; a list of participants; the Chairman's concluding remarks; the summary record; and the Committee's follow-up action plan.

16. As follow-up to that meeting, the Committee will deepen the exchange of information on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001) with and among relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and States. The Committee will take forward action arising from the special meeting inter alia in the ways set out below.

17. The Committee will ensure that information is available on its web site on international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), as noted in paragraph 5 above. Member States are encouraged to comply with such standards and codes. The Committee encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to develop guidance on the best practices, codes and standards within their purview aimed at promoting the wider implementation of such codes and standards.

18. The Committee will encourage international, regional and subregional organizations to share information on monitoring. As a first step, the Committee's experts will, by 31 May 2003, contact every organization involved in monitoring such codes and standards to explore avenues of cooperation and information exchange.

19. The Committee will encourage all organizations to contribute to its directory of contact points. They should make full use of these contact details to deepen cooperation and to facilitate the flow of information between such organizations and within each region.

20. The Committee welcomes the offer by the Organization of American States (OAS) to host a follow-up to the 6 March special meeting for the representatives of regional and subregional organizations. It will cooperate with and support OAS on the aims, content, structure and participation of the meeting.

21. The Committee will host a meeting during the work period of technical agencies and organizations whose activities relate to the control of the use of or access to nuclear, chemical, biological and other deadly materials to evaluate ways to enhance the effectiveness of global action against terrorism in this area. The action to take forward the matters contained in resolution 1456 (2003) is set out in the Committee's note (S/2003/198). The Committee intends to invite to the meeting the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the World Customs Organization and Interpol.

22. As noted in paragraph 5 above, the Committee will create a "Regional Action" section on its web site. The Committee encourages all regional and subregional organizations to step up their action on counter-terrorism, consistent with their mandates, and develop and share action plans for 2003/2004. The Committee's web site is a tool for sharing information.

23. The Committee will encourage regional and subregional organizations to develop an awareness of the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant international best practices, codes and standards across their region, and to identify any needs for assistance. Such information should be communicated to the Committee and potential assistance providers.

4. Facilitating the provision of assistance

24. The Committee will work with the goal of ensuring that every reasonable request is met during 2003/2004.

25. The Committee has developed a "Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance", available on its web site (www.un.org/sc/ctc). The Directory is designed to be a source of information on best practices, model laws and available assistance programmes on counter-terrorism issues. The Committee encourages all States seeking assistance or guidance on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001) to use this online information tool.

26. The Committee, its subcommittees and experts stand ready to offer guidance and advice to States on any aspect of their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). States are encouraged to contact the Committee, subcommittees and experts through the Committee Secretary (tel: 1 (212) 963-3520 or 1 (212) 457-1886; fax: 1 (212) 963-7878; e-mail: ctc@un.org or ctcexperts@un.org).

27. The Committee and its experts stand ready to facilitate wherever possible the provision of assistance programmes to States furthering their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

28. The Committee has produced a "matrix of assistance needs" summarizing assistance needs and requests in the areas covered by resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will, in consultation with each State, develop and maintain the matrix of needs to ensure that it includes comprehensive information on each State's assistance needs (if any) and an indication of the relative priorities for each State's requests. The matrix is not available online, but is circulated monthly to States and

international, regional and subregional organizations as appropriate to enable potential providers of technical assistance to access a centralized, comprehensive list of assistance needs. Those wishing to see it may apply to the technical assistance team (tel: 1 (212) 457-1080/1044; fax: 1 (212) 457-4041; e-mail: ctc@un.org or ctcexperts@un.org).

29. The Committee will encourage assistance providers to incorporate in wider capacity-building programmes a focus on building counter-terrorism capacity; give training a higher priority; and ensure that all assistance programmes are timely and results focused. The Committee will explore what further instruments are needed in this area.

5. Transparency in the work of the Committee

30. Transparency will continue to be a hallmark of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

31. The Committee will continue to communicate on a regular basis information on its activities, including through briefings by the Chairman to interested delegations.

32. It will maintain an informative web site (www.un.org/sc/ctc) which will increasingly become a source of information on all aspects of resolution 1373 (2001).

33. The Chairman and the Committee's experts will continue to inform organizations outside the United Nations of the Committee's work through attendance at regional meetings and conferences.

34. States are encouraged to make direct contact with the subcommittees or experts to seek any clarification necessary on the issues covered in their correspondence with the Committee or on any other issue.